

Agricultural Report

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ANIMAL POPULATION CONTROL PROGRAM REDUCES OVERPOPULATION AND INFECTIOUS ANIMAL DISEASES

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Since 1996, the Department of Agriculture (DoAg)'s Animal Population Control Program (APCP) has provided benefits to more than 200,000 companion pets here in Connecticut.

Due to the APCP there has been a constant decline in the number of dogs and cats requiring impoundment at municipal facilities, a reduction in the state's feral cat population, and a continued level of assistance to pets owned by low-income residents.

The impoundment rate is down 43%, the adoption rate is down 23% (less pets mean fewer adoptions), euthanasia is down 77%, and redemptions are 47% lower.

The goals of the APCP is to reduce the overpopulation of dogs and cats in Connecticut and to increase the level of immunization against infectious animal diseases. To accomplish these goals, the APCP provides sterilization and vaccination benefits for dogs and cats to (1) Connecticut residents for dogs and cats adopted from municipal pounds, (2) low income residents for dogs and cats that they own, and (3) non-profit organizations engaged in activities aimed at reducing the population of feral cats.

Connecticut is one of only a few states to provide a companion pet sterilization program administered by a state agency for municipal pound animals, feral cats, and pets owned by low-income individuals.

Vouchers are issued at the municipal pound for unsterilized dogs/cats to Connecticut residents who must pay a \$50 fee (\$45 voucher/\$5 municipality). The voucher is good for sixty days from the adoption date and provides a one-time sterilization subsidy of \$50 for a male cat, \$70 for a female cat, \$100 for a male dog, and \$120 for a female dog.

In addition, two coincident pre-

surgical vaccinations are provided with the sterilization. The APCP also provides vouchers to Connecticut low-income residents to subsidize sterilization and vaccination costs for owned pets, and to non-profit organizations for the sterilization and vaccination of feral cats.

Pet overpopulation is a significant burden on the limited resources of municipalities. Assistance provided by the APCP is reducing the overpopulation of dogs and cats, and increasing the level of immunizations of the state's pet population against infectious diseases. This has had a positive effect on local public health and safety.

A reduction in animal birth rates, coupled with higher immunization levels, decreases the risk of transmission of rabies and other infectious diseases not only from animal to animal but also from animals to people.

Additionally, the reduction in animal overpopulation allows municipalities to shift resources to focus their efforts on enforcement of animal control laws and on educational outreach regarding responsible pet ownership.

The APCP has a dedicated account and receives no money from the state's general fund. Revenue is received from the annual surcharge on Connecticut dog licenses (\$2.00 sterilized/\$6.00 unsterilized), the \$45 mandatory voucher fee from pound adoptions, proceeds from the sale of the "caring for pets" commemorative license plate, and donations.

For Fiscal Year 2017 a program total of \$730,670 was received—\$489,234 from the dog license surcharge revenue, \$177,760 from the pound program adoption fee, and \$27,115 from the sale of the DMV "caring for pets" commemorative license plate.



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NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA

Per doz. Grade A and Grade A white in cartons to retailers (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	1.20	1.34
LARGE	1.14	1.28
MEDIUM	.96	1.09

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

Per doz. Grade A brown in carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	2.24	2.37
LARGE	2.23	2.36
MEDIUM	1.58	1.85
SMALL	.82	.92

LANCASTER, PA LIVESTOCK

Avg. Dressing. Per cwt. Unless noted

	LOW	HIGH
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	55.00	60.50
boners 80-85% lean	53.00	59.50
lean 88-90% lean	48.00	53.50
SLAUGHTER STEERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	117.50	120.00
Choice 2-3	113.50	117.50
Select 1-2	108.00	113.50
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
Choice 2-3	81.00	85.50
Select 1-2	75.00	80.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	114.00	118.00
Choice 2-3	108.50	113.50
Select 1-2	105.00	108.50
CALVES - Graded bull		
No 1 110-124 lbs	90.00	102.00
No 1 88-108 lbs	110.00	122.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn		
Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3		
90-110 lbs	250.00	275.00
110-130 lbs	240.00	260.00
150-200 lbs	180.00	205.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3		
80-120 lbs	110.00	125.00
120-160 lbs	90.00	105.00
160-200 lbs	80.00	105.00
200-300 lbs	65.00	87.00
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Sel 1		
20-40 lbs	155.00	175.00
40-60 lbs	180.00	220.00
60-80 lbs	195.00	240.00
80-100 lbs	235.00	260.00
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES: Sel 1		
80-130 lbs	185.00	215.00
130-180 lbs	225.00	245.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Sel 1		
100-150 lbs	255.00	285.00
150-250 lbs	375.00	395.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

Per cwt.

52-56	200-300 lbs	48.00	56.00
	300-350 lbs	48.00	53.00
	350-400 lbs	47.00	50.00
48-52	200-300 lbs	41.00	48.00
	300-350 lbs	45.00	49.00
Sows, US 1-3			
	400-500 lbs	39.00	41.50
	500-600 lbs	37.00	42.00
Boars	400-700 lbs	5.00	5.00

DAIRY REPLACEMENTS

Per cwt.

FRESH COWS		
SUPREME	1500.00	1625.00
APPROVED	1000.00	1500.00
MEDIUM	725.00	1000.00

WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices CONNECTICUT AND NEW ENGLAND GROWN

	LOW	HIGH
ALFALFA SPROUTS, 5 LBS	14.00	15.00
APPLE, CORTLAND, XFCY, 72	28.00	29.00
APPLE, CORTLAND, XFCY, 80	28.00	31.00
APPLE, CORTLAND, XFCY, 88	30.00	31.00
APPL, CRTLAND, FCY, 12-3LB	22.00	22.00
APPLE, FUJI, US FANCY, 56	24.00	24.00
APPLE, FUJI, US FANCY, 80	24.00	24.00
APPLE, FUJI, US FANCY, 88	24.00	24.00
APPLE, FUJI, US FANCY, 125	20.00	20.00
APPLE, GALA, #1, 12-3LB, 2-1/2"	21.00	21.00
APPLE, GOLD DEL, #1, 12-3LB	20.00	20.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, TRYPK 72	30.00	31.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, TRYPK 80	30.00	31.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, TRYPK 88	26.00	31.00
APPLE, MAC, XFCY, TRYPK 100	24.00	26.00
APPLE, MAC, USFCY, TRYPK 80	21.00	21.00
APPLE, MAC, USFCY, TRYPK 88	21.00	21.00
APPLE, MAC, USFCY, TRYPK 125	17.00	18.00
APPLE, MAC, USFCY, TRYPK 138	17.00	18.00
APPLE, RED DEL, XFCY, 88	22.00	23.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY, 64	24.00	24.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY, 72	24.00	24.00
APPLE, RED DEL, FCY, 80	24.00	24.00
APPLE, RED DEL, #1, 12-3LB	20.00	20.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 10 LBS	6.00	7.00
BEAN SPROUTS, 12-12 OZ	12.00	15.00
CIDER, 4-1 GALLON	22.00	22.00
CIDER, 9-1/2 GALLON	26.00	26.00
PARSNIPS, 20 LB LOOSE, MED	25.00	25.00
PARSNIPS, 18-1 LB, MEDIUM	23.00	23.00
POTATO, RNDRED, #1, SZA, 50LB	11.00	12.00
POTATO, RNDRED, #1, SZB, 50LB	13.00	14.00
PTATO, RDWHT, NONSZA, 10-5LB	14.00	15.00
PTATO, YELLOW, #1CHEF, 50LB	15.00	16.00
TOMS, GHSE, ONVINE, 11 LB	20.00	20.00

BOSTON SHIPPED IN

Price Range. Per unit.

ASPARAGUS, CA, 11LB/BNCH, STD	32.00	32.00
ASPARAGUS, CA, 11LB/BNCH, JBO	28.00	28.00
BOK CHOY, CA, 30 LBS	22.00	26.00
CABBAGE, GREEN, FL, 50 LB, M	14.00	16.00
CABBGE, GRN, ORG, FL, 45LB, M/L	28.00	28.00
CABBAGE, SAVOY, FL, 1-3/4, M	18.00	18.00
COLLARDS, GA, 12 BNCH/CTN	13.00	14.00
CUKES, WAXED, FL, 1-1/9, M	16.00	20.00
DANDELION GRNS, FL, 12	18.00	18.00
ENDIVE, FL, 1-1/9, 24	14.00	16.00
ESCAROLE, FL, 1-1/9, 18	16.00	16.00
GARLIC, ELEPHANT, CA, 10 LB	40.00	42.00
KALE, LACINITO, CA, 24	24.00	24.00
KALE, MULTI, CA, 24	24.00	24.00
LETTIC, RED/GRNLF, CA/AZ, 24	18.00	22.00
MACHE, GHS, PA, 3 LBS	12.00	12.00
MESCLIN MIX, CA, 3 LBS	6.50	7.50
MUSTARD, CRLY, GA, 12	14.00	14.00
ONIONS, BULB, GA, 24 BN/CTN	27.00	27.00
PARSLEY, PLAIN, TX, 60BN/CTN	19.00	21.00
PARSLEY, CURLY, TX, 60 BN	20.00	22.00
PEAS, SGRSNP, GUATMLA, 10 LB	12.00	14.00
PEPPERS, FL, 1-1/9, LARGE	15.00	16.00
PEPPER, CUBNL, FL, 1-1/9, M-L	20.00	24.00
POTATO, YELW, FL, 3/4-1-5/8", 50LB	50.00	55.00
RADISHES, FL, 24 BN/CRATE	14.00	14.00
RHUBARB, OR, OPNFIELD, 20 LB	48.00	48.00
SPINACH, FLAT, CA, 24	25.00	27.00
SPINACH, SAVOY, CA, 24	20.00	24.00
TOMS, CHRRY, FL, 12-1PT BSKT	14.00	16.00
TOMS, GRAPE, FL, 20 LB, LOOSE	18.00	19.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT - April 30, 2018

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	30.00	35.00
61-75 lbs.	45.00	48.00
76-90 lbs.	95.50	100.00
91-105 lbs.	110.00	115.00
106 lbs. & up	117.50	120.00
Farm Calves	122.50	125.00
Starter Calves	25.00	28.00
Veal Calves	120.00	140.00
Feeder Heifers	70.00	90.00
Beef Heifers	75.00	80.00
Feeder Steers	70.00	180.00
Beef Steers	70.00	89.00
Feeder Bulls	80.00	175.00
Beef Bulls	69.00	108.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	6ea@	.02
Butcher Hogs each	22.00	50.00
Feeder Pigs each	n/a	n/a
Sheep each	50.00	255.00
Lambs each	75.00	200.00
Goats each	82.50	332.50
Kid Goats each	55.00	170.00
Canners	up to	56.00
Cutters	57.00	60.00
Utility Grade Cows	61.00	64.00
Rabbits each	4.00	23.00
Chickens each	5.00	24.00
Ducks each	5.00	16.00

HARTFORD REGIONAL MARKET FARMERS' MARKET FLOWERS

Price published is \$/unit listed.

PERENNIAL, 1 GAL	9.00	10.00
PERENNIAL, 2 GAL	12.00	12.00
HANGER, FLOWER, 10"	15.00	20.00
HANGER, FLOWER, 11"	12.00	15.00
HNGR, FLWR, 11", 2 FOR	25.00	25.00
HANGER, FLOWER, 12"	20.00	25.00
COMBO POTS, 6", EA	7.00	7.00
ASSTD 4.5" POTS, EA	3.50	3.50
ASSTD 4.5" POTS, TRAY	30.00	30.00
ASSTD 4" POTS, TRAY	20.00	20.00
48 PLANT FLAT, EA	10.00	20.00
48 PLT FLAT, 3 FOR	25.00	25.00
WINDOW BOX	15.00	15.00
WINDOW BOX, 2 FOR	25.00	25.00
GERANIUMS, /TRAY	25.00	25.00
GERANIUMS, 2 TRAYS	45.00	45.00
VEG PLTS, 6 PK, EA	2.00	2.00
PANSIES, /FLAT	8.00	8.00
PANSIES, WNDW BX, EA	10.00	10.00
CAPE DAISY, /TRAY	20.00	20.00
CAPE DAISY, 2 6PKS	5.00	5.00
HIBISCUS PLT, EA	25.00	25.00

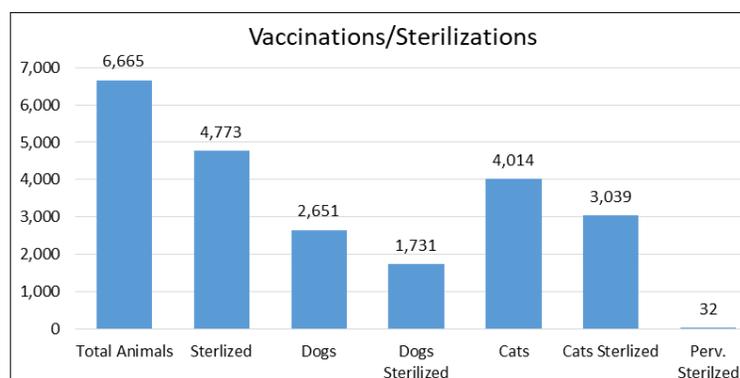
GREYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION

April 24, 2018. \$ per lb or as marked.

CHICKS, EA	.30	1.00
LAYING PULLETS, EA	5.50	6.50
LEGHORN ROOSTER, EA	3.00	3.75
MUSCOVY DUCK	1.40	1.45
PEKING DUCKS, EACH	6.50	6.50
RED FOWL, 4-5 LBS	.66	.65
RED FOWL, 5-6 LBS	.65	.75
TURKEY, EA	21.00	30.00

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In Fiscal Year 2017, the APCP processed vouchers for 6,665 animals (2,651 dogs and 4,014 cats) from municipal impound facilities, pets owned by low-income Connecticut residents, and feral cats from non-profit organizations. Benefits were provided to 4,770 pets (1,731 dogs and 3,039 cats) for a 72% sterilization rate. In Fiscal Year 2017, 248 practices were certified to participate in the APCP, encompassing over 600 individual veterinarians.



The APCP low-income program issued 2,189 vouchers to qualifying individuals, of which 1,207, or 55%, were redeemed. One thousand three hundred and twenty-eight vouchers were issued for cats, completing 763 sterilizations. Eight hundred and sixty-one vouchers were issued for dogs resulting in 441 sterilizations.

The APCP feral cat program issued 950 vouchers to thirty-four non-profit organizations. A total of 896 were used for a 94% overall sterilization rate. Every county in the state was represented, reflecting 70 towns and cities. Feral cat totals per county are as follows: Fairfield 188, New Haven 296, Hartford 185, New London 99, Windham 59, Litchfield 28, Tolland 16, and Middlesex 25.

The DoAg's APCP provides an important function for cities and towns across Connecticut. For over twenty years the program has benefited many residents helping them with crucial preventive care for their pets.

Information about the program, regulations, certification applications for veterinary practices, feral cat grant, low-income, and dog license applications can be found on the APCP website at www.ct.gov/doag/apcp.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO COMPLETE THE 2017 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is reminding New England farmers and ranchers that the window is closing on the opportunity to participate in the 2017 Census of Agriculture.

Both the national and New England return rates are currently lower than at this point in the 2012 Census.

NASS is encouraging New England producers who have not returned their completed Census questionnaires to do so as soon as possible to avoid phone and in-person follow-up.

New England producers can respond to the 2017 Census of Agriculture online at www.agcounts.usda.gov or by mail.

For more information about the 2017 Census of Agriculture or for assistance with the questionnaire, call toll-free 888-424-7828 or visit www.agcensus.usda.gov.

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The Connecticut Department of Agriculture is pleased to announce it is accepting applications for a part-time intern. The agency is a member of Food Export USA (FEUSA), which works with producers of Connecticut food and agricultural products to expand their markets overseas. FEUSA will contract directly with the intern to promote educational activities, events, and other opportunities sponsored by FEUSA that assist Connecticut food companies with international exporting.

The internship will begin in September 2018 and run through the fall semester. Interested applicants can visit www.CTGrown.gov until May 31, 2018, for a complete job description and application instructions.

CT FARM BUREAU WOODLAND MANAGEMENT EVENT

The Connecticut Farm Bureau will hold a program on Managing Your Woodland for Profit and Conservation on Thursday, May 3, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at the Middlesex County Extension Center, 1066 Saybrook Road, Haddam, CT. Learn how to utilize your woodland to help diversify farm and household profit on a sustainable basis.

Speakers will focus on understanding your forest resource, tools and tips for selling timber and other forest products, and grant and cost-share opportunities for forest landowners. This event is free and open to the public. No pre-registration is required. Contact the Connecticut Farm Bureau at 860-768-1100 for additional information or visit: www.cfba.org.

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